



PATENT  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 040808-5108

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Hiroyuki ABE, <i>et al.</i>	)	Confirmation No: 4822
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Application No.: 09/819,977	)	Group Art Unit: 2877
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Filed: March 29, 2001	)	Examiner: P. Connolly
	)	
For: PROCESS END POINT DETECTION	)	
APPARATUS AND METHOD, POLISHING	)	
APPARATUS, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE	)	
MANUFACTURING METHOD, AND	)	
RECORDING MEDIUM WITH SIGNAL	)	
PROCESSING PROGRAM	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2004, the period for response which extends through April 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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